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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SADAT

1. IN ONE AND A HALF HOUR MEETING WITH SADAT THIS EVENING, I BRIEFED HIM ON THE LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSAL AND GAVE HIM THE ISRAELI MAP AND ACCOMPANYING OVERLAY. MOBAREK, FAHMY AND GAMASY WERE ALSO PRESENT. SADAT WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL, VIZ, THE NEW LOCATION OF THE ISRAELI FORWARD LINE, THE ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON KEEPING THEIR TECHNICIANS IN THE JEBAL UMM KHUSHAIB MONITORING STATION, THE SIX AMERICAN MILITARY POSTS, THE TWO STRETCHES OF ROAD IN THE SOUTH, AND IN GENERAL WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS ISREALI NIGGARDLINESS. HE WAS PLEASED ABOUT THE ISRAELIS BEING OUT OF THE EASTERN END OF THE PASSES (WHICH GAMASY CONFIRMED AFTER LOOKING AT THE MAP) AND THE BROADER ACCESS CORRIDOR UNDER THE UN WITH EGYPTIAN CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION.

2. I TOLD HIM THAT, WHILE WE TOO ARE DISAPPOINTED IN THE PROPOSAL, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IT IS THE BEST WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO AT THE PRESENT TIME. NOTING THAT IT MET WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE PRESIDENT'S TWO PRINCIPAL CONCERNS, NAMELY THE PASSES AND ADEQUATE ACCESS ROUTES TO THE OILFIELDS, I SUGGESTED THAT IF HE FOUND THE PROPOSAL HAD ENGOUGH POSITIVE ELEMENT TO BE

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AGREEABLE IN PRINICPLE, HE MIGHT WISH TO SUBMIT A COUNTERPROPOSAL.

SADAT PONDERED THIS FOR A WHILE AND THEN INDICATED HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES WILL WANT TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL IN GREATER DETAILS. HE ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOES NOT REJECT THE PROPOSAL (AS HE DID THE PREVIOUS ONE) AND THAT AN EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL WILL BE GIVEN TO ME TOMORROW NIGHT. I URGED THAT ANY EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL BE IN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSAL IF THERE IS TO BE ANY CHANCE OF IT BEING VIABLE. SADAT SAID HE WILL BEAR THIS CONSIDERATION IN MIND.

3. I AM PREPARING A FULL REPORT OF MY TALK, WHICH I WILL SEND AS SOON AS I HAVE COMPLETED IT IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

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